

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

In first full paragraph starting at line 4 of page 2 of the published PCT application:

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of encoding words for language teaching comprising the steps of identifying a plurality of different vowel sounds, representing each vowel sound and the letters forming the vowel sound by a first indicia and a second indicia, storing the different first and second indicias for each vowel sound, identifying a plurality of different consonant sounds, representing each consonant sound by a third indicia and a selection of consonant sounds by a fourth indicia, storing the third and fourth indicia for each consonant sound, identifying a plurality of different silent letters occurring in words, representing each silent letter by a fifth indicia and storing the fifth indicias for each silent letter whereby a word is represented by a combination of the first to fifth indicia.

In the second full paragraph starting at line 20 of page 2 of the published PCT application:

According to another aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of displaying words for language teaching, comprising the steps of identifying a word, encoding the word into a plurality of indicia components and displaying the encoded word comprising indicia components, wherein the plurality of indicia comprise a first and second indicia representing different vowel sounds and their composing letters, third indicia representing different consonant sounds, fourth indicia representing a selection of consonant sounds and fifth indicia representing different silent letters occurring in words.

In the third full paragraph starting at line 31 of page 2 of the published PCT application and continuing onto page 3:

According to a further aspect of the present invention there is provided a system for teaching a language comprising a database which stores a plurality of different vowel sounds, with each vowel sound and its composing letters represented by a first indicia and a second indicia, a plurality of different consonant sounds, with each consonant sound represented by a third indicia and a selection of consonant sounds by a fourth indicia, a plurality of different silent letters occurring in words, with each silent letter represented by a fifth indicia, and a plurality of different words, a conversion means which converts each word into a converted form comprising the indicia and a display means which displays a word in converted form, and wherein the conversion means is adapted to convert a word input into the system and utilize the display means to display the word in converted form.

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